

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Mozart Requiem

April 6, 2025

No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
On life's journey,
You are welcome here.

Please silence cell phones.

*Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.
Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

“Those who learned to know death, rather than to fear and fight it, become our
teachers about life.” – Elizabeth Kübler Ross, *On Death and Dying*

PRELUDE

Adagio For Strings in B Flat Minor
St. Pauls Orchestra

Samuel Barber

CHIMES

WELCOME

Kurt R. Hansen

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has done great things for us.

All: We rejoice!

One: Those who are weeping,

All: Even they shall rejoice!

One: We shall all come home

All: With shouts of joy!

Based on Psalm 126

* *Please stand if you are able to do so*

* HYMN

Christ the Victorious

vv. 1 & 2

1. Christ the Vic - to - ri - ous, give to your ser - vants
2. On - ly Im - mor - tal One, might - y Cre - a - tor!
3. God - spo - ken proph - e - cy, word at crea - a - tion:
4. Christ the Vic - tor - ri - ous, give to your ser - vants

rest with your saints in the re - gions of light.
We are your crea - tures and chil - dren of earth.
"You came from dust and to dust shall re - turn."
rest with your saints in the re - gions of light.

Grief and pain end - ed, and sigh - ing no long - er,
From earth you formed us, both glo - rious and mor - tal,
Yet at the grave shall we raise up our glad song,
Grief and pain end - ed, and sigh - ing no long - er,

there may they find ev - er - last - ing life.
and to the earth shall we all re - - turn.
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
there may they find ev - er - last - ing life.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Requiem in D Minor, K.626
Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Introitus

Jen Kew, soloist

Requiem aeternam.
Dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus Deus in Sion,
et tibi redetur votum in Jerusalem.
Exaudi irationem meam,
ad et omnis caro veniet.
Requiem aeternam...

*Eternal rest give unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them.
A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Zion,
And a vow shall be paid to thee in
Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer.
All flesh shall come before you.
Eternal rest give unto them...*

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.*

Dies irae

Dies iræ, dies illa,
Solvat sæclum in favilla:
Teste David cum Sibylla.
Quantus tremor est futurus,
Quando judex est venturus,
Cuncta stricte discussurus!

*Day of wrath and doom impending!
David's word with Sibyl's blending,
Heaven and earth in ashes ending!
How great will be the quaking,
when the Judge is about to come,
strictly investigating all things!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matt Fitzgerald

**God of endless promise, it is so easy to avoid or deny endings.
Fear feels like an old dependable companion.
Loneliness is a meal we are used to consuming.
The darkness of uncertainty has the comfort of familiarity.
Forgive us for embracing the dimness and fog of what we are used to.
The eternal light hurts our eyes,
 but may we walk bravely toward it.
As you did with Christ, lead us through the wilderness of Lent
toward the promise of life,
 the promise that you are always with us through Christ.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Sunday School students are invited to go to their classrooms.
If you would like to accompany your child(ren),
you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.*

CHORAL RESPONSE

Tuba mirum

Mozart

Nancy Pifer, Breanna Coe, Nathan Streeter & Lee Lichamer, soloists

Tuba, mirum spargens sonum
Per sepulchra regionum,
Coget omnes ante thronum.
Mors stupebit, et natura,
Cum resurget creatura,
Judicanti responsura.
Liber scriptus proferetur,
In quo totum continetur,
Unde mundus iudicetur.
Judex ergo cum sedebit,
Quidquid latet, apparebit:
Nil inultum remanebit.
Quid sum miser tunc dicturus?
Quem patronum rogaturus,
Cum vix iustus sit securus?

*The trumpet, scattering a wondrous sound
through the sepulchres of the regions,
will summon all before the throne.
Death and nature will marvel,
when the creature will rise again,
to respond to the Judge.
The book will be brought forth,
in which all is contained,
from which the world shall be judged.
Therefore, the Judge will sit,
whatever lies hidden, will be revealed:
nothing will remain unpunished.
What then shall I, poor wretch that I am,
say? Which patron shall I entreat, when
even the just may only hardly be sure.*

Rex tremendae

Rex tremendæ maiestatis,
Qui salvandos salvas gratis,
Salva me, fons pietatis.

*King of fearsome majesty,
Who saves the redeemed freely,
save me, O fount of mercy*

SCRIPTURE

Monty Kehl

John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

CHORAL RESPONSE

Recordare

Mozart

Nadia Jiménez, Lila Brown, Kris Hansen & Julian Jarzabowski, soloists

Recordare, Jesu pie,
Quod sum causa tuæ viæ:
Ne me perdas illa die.
Quærens me, sedisti lassus:
Redemisti Crucem passus:
Tantus labor non sit cassus.
Juste Judex ultionis,
Donum fac remissionis
Ante diem rationis.
Ingemisco, tamquam reus:
Culpa rubet vultus meus:
Supplicanti parce, Deus.

*Remember, merciful Jesus,
that I am the cause of Your journey:
lest You lose me in that day.
Seeking me, You rested, tired:
You redeemed me, having suffered the Cross:
let not such hardship be in vain.
Righteous Judge of vengeance,
make a gift of remission
before the day of reckoning.
I sigh, like the guilty one:
my face reddens in guilt:
Spare the imploring one, O God*

Qui Mariam absolvisti,
Et latronem exaudisti,
Mihi quoque spem dedisti.
Preces meæ non sunt dignæ:
Sed tu bonus fac benigne,
Ne perenni cremer igne.
Inter oves locum præsta,
Et ab hædis me sequestra,
Statuens in parte dextra.

*You, who absolved Mary,
and heard the robber,
gave hope to me also.
My prayers are not worthy:
but You, who are good, graciously grant
that I be not burned up by the everlasting
fire. Grant me a place among the sheep,
and take me out from among the goats,
setting me on the right side*

Confutatis

Confutatis maledictis,
Flammis acribus addictis,
Voca me cum benedictis.
Oro supplex et acclinis,
Cor contritum quasi cinis:
Gere curam mei finis.

*Once the cursed have been silenced,
sentenced to acrid flames,
Number me, with the blessed.
Humbly kneeling and bowed I pray,
That my heart crushed as ashes:
take care of my end*

Lacrimosa

Lacrimosa dies illa,
Qua resurget ex favilla
Judicandus homo reus:
Huic ergo parce, Deus:
Pie Jesu Domine,
Dona eis requiem. Amen.

*Tearful will be that day,
on which from the glowing embers will
arise the guilty one who is to be judged:
Then spare him, O God.
Merciful Lord Jesus,
grant them rest. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

Nancy Godinez

Revelation 1: 4-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

* STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating,
who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.**

**We trust God. God calls us to be the Church,
to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to care for creation,
to seek justice and to resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

* RESPONSE

Christ the Victorious
See previous hymn

vv. 3 &4

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORIUM

Mozart

Domine Jesu Christe

Karin Magnison & Annika Victorson

Amy Beck & Jana O'Brien

Todd Coe & Andy Davis

Julian Jarzabowski & Mark Mosley

Soloists

Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,
libera animas omnium
fidelium defunctorum
de poenis inferni
et de profundo lacu.
Libera eas de ore leonis
ne absorbeat eas tartarus,
ne cadant in obscurum;
Sed signifer sanctus Michael
repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam,
Quam olim Abrahae promisisti
et semini eius.

*Lord Jesus Christ, king of glory,
deliver the souls of all the
faithful departed
from the pains of Hell
and the bottomless pit.
Deliver them from the jaws of the lion,
lest hell engulf them,
lest they be plunged into darkness;
but let the holy standard-bearer Michael
lead them into the holy light,
as once you promised to Abraham
and to his seed*

Hostias

Hostias et preces tibi, Domine
laudis offerimus
tu suscipe pro animabus illis,
quarum hodie memoriam facimus.
Fac eas, Domine, de morte
transire ad vitam.
Quam olim Abrahae promisisti
et semine eius.

*Lord, in praise we offer you
Sacrifices and prayers,
accept them on behalf of those
who we remember this day:
Lord, make them pass
from death to life,
as once you promised to Abraham
and to his seed*

Sanctus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth!
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis!

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest*

Benedictus

Lenore Ettinger, Winnie Kearns, Todd Coe & Lee Lichamer, soloists

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domine.
Hosanna in excelsis!

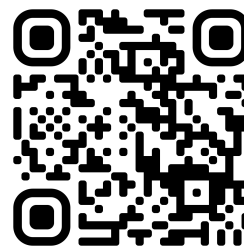
*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Liz Nickerson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Mozart

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei,

qui tollis pecatta mundi

dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei,

qui tollis peccata mundi,

dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Lamb of God,

that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant them rest.

Lamb of God,

that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant them eternal rest.

Lux aeterna

Katie Alrutz, soloist

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,

cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,

quia pius es.

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,

et lux perpetua luceat eis,

quia pius es.

Let everlasting light shine upon them,

Lord, with Thy saints for ever,

for Thou art merciful.

Grant them eternal rest, Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them,

for Thou art merciful

* BENEDICTION

Jeff Carlson

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Mozart

If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.

Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks in the Social Hall, downstairs directly beneath the Sanctuary. If you're visiting, be sure to stop by the Welcome Table so we can greet you and you can find out more about St. Pauls!

PEACE CANDLE - We have added a peace candle to the Chancel. Jesus said blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God. Please pray for peace daily for all the current wars raging in the world and in our hearts.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Liz Nickerson, Jeff Carlson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

St. Arbucks Quartet: Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums;
Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Monty Kehl, Nancy Godinez

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Doug Clark, David Faulkner, Fred Pearson

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operators: Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Brian Hafner,
Trevor Hafner, Maurice Wallace

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Would you like to donate altar flowers? Sign up here: tinyurl.com/4w6fu5js.

BORN THIS WEEK IN APRIL

We give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.

Apr. 6 Jennifer Kew

Apr. 7 Jason Wu, Lois Basil, Nancy Hanson, Nick DeMonte

Apr. 9 Andrea Koepke, Audrey Malnick, Gay Kelly, Mikaela Noonan

Apr. 10 Asher Malnick, Margarita DiMonte, Yorleth Ortiz

Apr. 11 Annie Johnson, Ella Vincent, Eva Bartels, Kate Beck, Kelly Singles

Apr. 12 Marcia Opp

ST. PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. To have your prayer request included, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email.

Our practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it. If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.

- Sue Coe, recovering from knee surgery.
- Mike Stensaas, complications from Parkinson's and a stroke.
- Matthew Wallace, recently diagnosed with epilepsy.
- D.W., as she deals with cancer chemotherapy.
- Friends and loved ones of Marcia Knudson at her death.
- That we each find our role, our voice, in bringing peace forward.
- Students, workers, and communities at risk of family separation, loss of homes and businesses due to government overreach.
- Karen L. Johnson, recovering from a fall.
- Sally Acker, recovering from a fall.
- Wayne Bradley, pursuing ongoing treatment.
- Pastor Liz's uncle, Mike Gentry, recovering from a fall.
- Bob Ball's brother, Phill, being treated for complications associated with leukemia, and Jane, who is Phill's primary caregiver.
- Craig Wilbanks mother and father each facing serious health challenges.

Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. Help is available for every kind of issue. Contact one of the pastors today for support, referrals, and information that can help you and your loved ones.

LENT & EASTER AT ST. PAULS

- SUN, APR 6 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - 10 a.m.
Mozart Requiem
- SUN, APR 13 PALM SUNDAY - 10 a.m.
Palm branches, songs, Easter Egg Hunt
- THU, APR 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY
Labyrinth walk - 7 p.m.
Taizé Service - 7:30 p.m.
- FRI, APR 18 GOOD FRIDAY - 7:30 p.m.
Communion, Tenebrae with choir
- SUN, APR 20 EASTER SUNDAY - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Communion, choir, brass

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY – MOMS’ GROUP - Thurs., 9:15-10:15 a.m. & Suns., 11:30-12:15 p.m., Rm 028
Pastor Liz is looking forward to a meaningful discussion with you! Our Moms’ group meets on Thursdays (9:15-10:15 a.m.) and Sundays (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) once per month. Upcoming Thursdays: April 24 and May 22. Upcoming Sundays: April 6, May 4, June 8. Come meet other moms, make new friends, learn from each other, get advice, pray, and get renewed! Each month has a relevant theme on an issue you face as a mom. Free professional childcare is available. Babies can stay with their moms. RSVP to lnickerson@spucc.org.

APR 9 – WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – JOHN - 12 p.m., Zoom

John’s stories and images have captured the imaginations of Christians in every generation. It’s very different from the three other "Synoptic" Gospels in the New Testament, with material all its own. It depicts Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the Bread of Life and the Light of the World, always shining in whatever darkness may come. Led by Pastor Jeff, we meet weekly at noon over Zoom. Sign up here: tinyurl.com/bdzytb33.

APR 22 – FOOD FOR THE SOUL GROUP - 12-1:30 p.m., Social Hall

Sponsored by St. Pauls Social. Adults of all ages are invited to make new friends and reconnect with old ones through lunch, fun and faith. Childcare provided. Make A Joyful Noise Unto the Lord. Hymn Singalong (you can choose hymns) facilitated by Jeff Wagner.

APR 25 – FAITH FAMILY FRIDAY - 6-8 p.m., Social Hall, Gym

Faith Family Fridays are monthly get togethers hosted by our Youth Ministry. Join us for a pizza night of fun, fellowship and food with your church family! All are welcome. Come strengthen your faith, build friendships, and make lasting memories. We can’t wait to see you there! We’ll provide the pizza. Feel free to bring your own beverage or board game to share. This event is free, and registration is required for food count. \$10/family suggested donation. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2jd6yhzz>.

APR 26 – VOLUNTEER WITH REBUILDING TOGETHER - 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.,

Off-Site Registration is open for the National Rebuilding Together Day. Join the St. Pauls team as this year we work on two Maywood houses -- making them safe, warm and dry. Sample tasks include moving things to the dumpster, painting, and installing safety devices. Working together is a great way to meet and get to know others from St. Pauls. March is registration month. Sign up on Church Center at this link: tinyurl.com/34ned8w4. Note: indicate cat allergy; second house is cat free. Questions, email Pat Ruch at pmr.ruch@gmail.com.

MAY 3 – “WALK AS ONE AT 1” FOR PEACE ON WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

On Saturday, May 3, 2025, people around the globe will participate in the seventeenth annual World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. This creates a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. This international event is held on the first Saturday of each May, sponsored by The Labyrinth Society and partner organizations. Saint Pauls will sponsor a walk in our gymnasium from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. We will use our labyrinth walk and handheld finger labyrinths. A short introduction will be available if needed. All in our community are welcome. Invite someone to join you.

MAY 4 – NEW MEMBER CLASS – 11 a.m., Room 211

Join pastors, members and others curious about St. Pauls for the next New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love for you to be part of the conversation! We'll meet after worship and childcare will be provided as needed. See other upcoming dates here: spucc.org/new_member_classes.

MAY 9 - LPCS METAMORPHOSIS GALA

You are invited to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Lincoln Park Community Services at their upcoming Metamorphosis gala! The gala will take place on Friday evening, May 9, at Sarabande, which is located at 2726 West Roscoe Street in Chicago. LPCS serves adults who are experiencing homelessness in Chicago through two shelters, a Drop-In program, and a Street Outreach program. Saint Pauls was one of the founding churches of LPCS in 1985 and has been an instrumental part of its growth ever since. Tickets are on sale now. To learn more, scan the QR code here or check LPCS's website at LPCSChicago.org.



JUNE 15-21- YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We are excited to invite our youth on the summer 2025 trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Youth will work with activists and church leaders from the Christian Church of Wilksburg, a dynamic interracial congregation in the heart of the community. We will stay at the church, joining youth and young adults from the Wilksburg church in a weeklong effort called "Project Peace." We will do carpentry, urban gardening, and other projects in the neighborhood. Lessons learned will be brought home and put to work at St. Pauls and in Chicago. If you are already planning to join the adventure, you can register here: tinyurl.com/mrxmed3c.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! OPT-IN TO TEXTING FROM ST. PAULS

Want to receive reminders and announcements via text?
Simply scan the QR code and fill out the form!



DRIVERS NEEDED - SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS

We need members to drive older members to church on Sundays and to occasional doctors' appointments. Please email Pastor Liz for details at lnickerson@spucc.org.

BUILDING UPDATE - ROOM NUMBERS AT ST. PAULS

St. Pauls is in the process of converting from room names to numbers. When construction is completed, formal signage will replace the temporary signage. Major locations, i.e., Sanctuary (115), Social Hall (015), Kitchen (010), Gym (009) will commonly use those titles, but their numbers are posted. Numbering begins at the Fullerton entrance (largely inaccessible during construction) and rises to the Kemper Place doorway: Main Level (100s), Upper Level (200s), Lower Level (000s). Yes many rooms have cycled through many names, and we'd love to catalogue the ones you remember using. Thank you for your flexibility.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our nursery is looking for caring and compassionate volunteers to support our staff and provide extra attention to our little ones. If you love playing, reading, and nurturing young children, we'd love to have you join us! Whether you can help for a few hours a month or on a regular basis, your time and kindness will make a meaningful impact. Sign up for a Sunday slot here: <https://tinyurl.com/2j5dy6fp>.

LITTLE LIGHTS SUMMER CAMP

Registration is open for summer fun! Our part-time summer program is geared toward ages 3+ and runs from June through August, Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Camp combines play and structured fun inside our classrooms, in the gym and outside in the sun. We create arts & crafts, enjoy music & games, making friends and memories along the way! There is a 10% sibling discount and 20% Church Member discount (contact Erin for the code at erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org). Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2nt8zsvx>.

LITTLE LIGHTS ENROLLMENT 25-26

We are accepting applications for the fall! We model and facilitate problem-solving strategies, build empathy and develop self-regulation skills. Through hands-on learning and play, children will benefit from structured socialization and gain a greater sense of themselves within our St. Pauls community. If you are interested in learning more about early education classes for your child, visit our website at www.littlelightslp.org or contact Erin Fitzgerald at erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org.

STAY & PLAY CANCELED DURING CONSTRUCTION

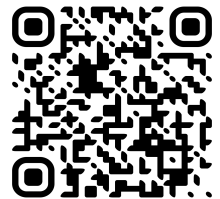
Our Friday morning playgroup is canceled through the duration of the Phase II Construction Project. The playgroup overlaps with Little Lights classes and since we are sharing the classrooms, there will not be enough space for both to run at the same time. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to getting it up and running again in the fall after construction is complete.

LOSS AND GRIEVING DISCUSSION GROUP

We've all lost someone we loved. Whether you lost someone you loved last month, last year, or five years ago, you can still grieve that loss. Grief changes, but it never goes away. Would you be interested in sharing stories with others who are in similar situations? We're not therapists, just your friends and neighbors who are also grieving and would like to share our ideas and learn how others are coping. We're planning to start a grief support group at St. Pauls, but we need to make sure there's an interest in this. Please contact Pam Woll at pamelawoll3333@gmail.com if you think this might benefit you.

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Please register your K-6th Sunday School students, 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students, and high school class members by scanning this QR code.



PALESTINE STUDY GROUP

Broaden your understanding of the Israel-Palestine conflict in this thoughtful and supportive group. All are welcome. Contact David Burnett at burnett.db@gmail.com.

“HEALING HEARTS” PET SUPPORT GROUP: ST. PAULS PET LOSS COMMUNITY

Are you struggling with losing a beloved furry friend/companion/animal assistant? Losing a pet can be one of the most heart-wrenching experiences in life. At St. Pauls, we understand the deep bond you shared with your beloved pet/family member and we're here to offer support, understanding and a virtual shoulder to lean on. To join, visit tinyurl.com/healing-hearts-support. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7-8 p.m. Age 18+ only, 30 participants maximum.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Don't Play Possum!

The Earth Day movement began in 1970, in response to an oil spill and to the damages caused by 150 years of industrialization in the US. Earth Day is a powerful civic movement responsible for pressuring legislators to pass the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts and authorizing agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational and Safety

The St. Paul's Green Team invites all parishioners to celebrate Earth Month this April—indeed to make Earth Day everyday. Look for:

- A summary of Federal cutbacks;
- Tastings for "Greening Your Kitchen"
- Opportunities for making your ecological voice heard throughout government;
- Seed packets for spring plantings;
- Participation in larger community events.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS

Our Stephen Ministers are here for you if you are going through a tough time. Extensively trained in compassionate Christian caregiving, Stephen Ministers are matched confidentially with someone in our congregation who is going through a crisis, such as the death of a loved one, a diagnosis, a divorce, a job loss, etc. They meet with you once a week for an hour to offer support through listening, companionship and prayer. If you wonder whether having a Stephen Minister might be helpful for you, please speak with Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org. Every one of us could benefit from a Stephen Minister at some point in our lives.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

For St. Pauls sponsored events, send to info@spucc.org by 10 a.m. on Wednesdays for publication in the Friday email and next Sunday bulletin. Share personal announcements/ events on our Facebook group page, St. Pauls Together. **Please limit announcements to 100 words.** Thank you!

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Mozart Requiem Orchestra

Hannah Barton - Orchestra contractor

First Violin

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Cello

Rebecca Zimmerman

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Jason Niehoff

Basset Horn

Alessandro Tenorio-Bucci

Jay Savoy

Bassoon

Nyketa DiCesare

Xavier Woodley

Trumpet

Jake Nitzsche*

Jim Brandt*

Trombone

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Timpani

Sarah Good Mosley*

Organ

Kevin Dzierzawski

*St. Pauls Member

TODAY'S MUSIC

The *Adagio for Strings* in B Flat Minor Op. 11 was composed in 1936 by American composer Samuel Barber (1910-1981). The original version was scored as the second movement for his string quartet and he created the full string orchestra version the same year. The *Adagio* was premiered in 1938 by Arturo Toscanini (1867-1957) and the NBC Radio Orchestra in a national broadcast. Toscanini also included the *Adagio* in the programming for his tour to South America in 1940. The *Adagio* is arguably the most well known and often performed of Barber's works. Barber even created a choral version in 1967 using the *Agnus Dei* text from the last portion of the Mass Ordinary. Many consider this work to be America's official music of mourning. It was a favorite of President Kennedy and was played at his funeral and those of many other luminaries. It has been popularized in film scores, including the 1986 movie *Platoon*. There is no "program" for the *Adagio*, but it has a deep sense of pathos, yearning, and inner passion that is a perfect foil for the Mozart *Requiem*.

The text for *Christ the Victorious* was written in 1982 for the Episcopalian *1982 Hymnal* by Carl P. Daw, Jr (b. 1944). The text is a paraphrase of a portion of the Easter Orthodox memorial service. Daw was born in Louisville, Kentucky, the son of a Baptist minister. He holds a PhD in English literature, taught at the College of William and Mary, and in 1981 became an ordained priest in the Anglican Church. The hymn was composed in 1833 by Alexei F. Lvov (1799-1870). He was Russian born and educated and composed this hymn in one evening. Many will recognise the melody as part of the close of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, which celebrates the victory over the forces of Napoleon.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) composed his setting of *Requiem* in the year of his death. Only two of the sections are complete versions of his composition, the opening INTROITUS (*Requiem aeternam*) and the *Lacrimosa*. All the other movements were completed by Mozart's student, Franz Xavier Süssmayr (1766-1803) either from notes left by Mozart, or wholly created by Süssmayr in his master's style in the case of the *Sanctus* and *Benedictus*. The *Agnus Dei* was also composed by Süssmayr, but reprises part of Mozart's original composition of the opening movement for the final *Dona nobis pacem* (Grant us peace). Entire musicological books, stage plays, and a movie have been written about the *Requiem*, Mozart's final days, how much Süssmayr actually contributed, and even if it is proper to refer to it as Mozart's *Requiem*. In a way, these arguments mirror debates about the authenticity of Shakespeare as author of all of the plays attributed to him. Whether arguing about Mozart's *Requiem* or the plays of Shakespeare, what cannot be denied is the brilliance of the work and the historically lasting impact of those works of art. The text of the *Requiem* is taken from the *Liber Usualis*, the *Usual Book*, which contains all the Latin texts and chants for

common mass services. The *Missa pro defunctis* (Mass for the dead) text leans heavily into sorrow and judgement with a deep sense of piety AND with a secure belief of life beyond death.

It is worth noting that the final words of the *Requiem* speak of eternal light (Lux aeterna) and the plea to God for peace (Dona nobis pacem) for the departed and for all believers. Here pronouns become very important. *Dona eis requiem* (Grant THEM rest) is changed in the final movement to *Dona nobis pacem* (Grant US peace.) The requiem mass is offered for the departed and also with assuredness for all believers.

Special Music Theme for 2024-2025

HEAR Ye! + Bach

Enjoy another year of special music during worship services.

H - Hebrew

E - English

A - Austrian

R - Russian

November 3, 2024 - Reformation Sunday - *Lobet den Herrn* - Bach

December 8, 2024 - Christmas Cantata (Hebrew & English)

Nachamu, nachamu ami - Max Janowski (*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*)

Fantasia on Christmas Carols - Ralph Vaughan Williams

with guest artist William Buchman, from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

February 16, 2025 - Northwestern University Chapel Choir – Guest choir in worship

March 9, 2025 - *Komm, Jesu, komm* - Bach

April 6, 2025 - (Austria) - *Requiem* - Mozart

May 18, 2025 - (Russian) - *Symphony of Psalms* - Stravinsky/Shostakovich

Mark these dates in your calendar!

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From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets, we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most important, during the past 180 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and
our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children,
grandparents and families of all configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who grieve.

Welcome to LGBTQ+ people.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

We are blessed by your presence and
we are glad you are here.